

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))

Docket No.

50060-00127

In Re Application Of: **MILLER ET AL.**Serial No.  
10/688,024Filing Date  
10/17/03Examiner  
K. TAMAIGroup Art Unit  
2834Title: **METHOD FOR OPERATING A MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM  
USING A STIFF COUPLING**

Address to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

1. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

2. ☒ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

OR

☒ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

07/15/2004 FFANAI2 00000059 10688024

03 RC:1806

180.00 OP

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))

Docket No.  
50060-00127

In Re Application: **MILLER ET AL.**

Serial No.  
10/688,024

Filing Date  
10/17/03

Examiner  
K. TAMAI

Group Art Unit  
2834

**METHOD FOR OPERATING A MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM  
USING A STIFF COUPLING**

**Payment of Fee**

(Only complete if Applicant elects to pay the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p))

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$180.00** is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **50-1419**  
as described below.
- ☐ Charge the amount of
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required.

**Certificate of Transmission by Facsimile\***

I certify that this document and authorization to charge deposit  
account is being facsimile transmitted to the United States  
Patent and Trademark Office (F:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate

**Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail**

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited  
on **7/9/04** with the U.S. Postal Service  
as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is  
addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box  
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*Ruth E. Ostgulen*  
Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

**RUTH E. OSTGULEN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Certificate

**\*This certificate may only be used if paying by  
deposit account.**

Dated: **7/9/04**

*James L. Johnson*  
Signature  
**JAMES L. JOHNSON**

**REG. NO. 34,193**

**MARSH FISCHMANN & BREYFOGLE LLP**

**3151 SOUTH VAUGHN WAY, SUITE 411**

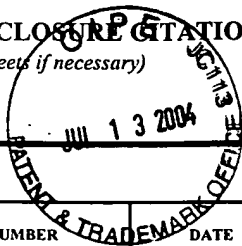
**AURORA, CO 80014**

**(701) 293-7680**

CC:

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)



Docket Number (Optional)

50060-00127

Application Number

10/688,024

Applicant(s)

MILLER ET AL.

Filing Date

10/17/03

Group Art Unit

2834

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,640,023 B2	10/28/03	MILLER ET AL.	385	17	9/27/01
	AB	6,621,681 B2	9/16/03	RODGERS ET AL.	361	222	12/5/01
	AC	6,175,170 B1	1/16/01	KOTA ET AL.	310	40	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.